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Child Care Provider Pleads Guilty to Fraud

Today, another child care provider plead guilty to defrauding the Wisconsin Shares program. Kimberly Miller, in connection with Benevolent Family Child Care plead guilty to one count of Felony Theft by Fraud. Ms. Miller was scheduled to go to trial next week.

"Today's guilty plea by Ms. Miller is the result of years of hard work and collaboration between the Department of Children and Families and Milwaukee law enforcement to aggressively pursue those who commit child care fraud in the Wisconsin Shares program," said Eloise Anderson, Secretary of the Department of Children and Families. "Ms. Miller's guilty plea is the second victory in under a week for the Department and prosecutors."

A week ago it was learned that Latasha Jackson, one of the original child care providers accused of defrauding the state's subsidized child care program is expected to soon plead guilty.

"Fraudulent providers such as Ms. Miller and Ms. Jackson drain scarce resources, tarnish the image of all day care providers who operate legally and provide a much needed service to their communities," said Secretary Anderson. "Governor Walker and the Department of Children and Families want to ensure that tax dollars are used only for the legitimate care of children whose working parents support their families."

By tackling fraud in Wisconsin Shares, the Department of Children and Families has saved taxpayers over \$130 million.

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